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For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR LEAK DETECTION IN BLOOD
PROCESSING SYSTEMS

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responding to the Office Action mailed August 30, 2010, and to the requirement for election therein, Applicants elect Species I-A (Figs. 5A, 5B) without traverse, reserving the right to file one or more divisional applications with regard to the non-elected invention and species. Claims corresponding to the elected species include Claims 1-2.

An action on the merits of the claims to the elected species is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 (T4342-14501US02) any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been separately requested, such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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